

# CIVIC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

CIVIL AIR PATROL USAF AUXILIARY  
25 February - 4 March 2006  
Washington DC

Applications Due **1 November**

★ FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ★ PERSUASIVE LEADERSHIP ★ AMERICAN HERITAGE ★ PUBLIC SERVICE CAREERS ★

**P**olitics is more than campaigning for office: A political life is one of public service. The political sphere includes how people exercise their freedom, cooperate to help one another, and govern themselves.

The Civic Leadership Academy fosters cadet officers' civic growth by increasing their leadership skills, civic responsibility, and overall interest in the democratic process.

Not your average field trip to Washington, the academy is an opportunity for 24 of CAP's brightest cadets to explore their government and learn how the three branches and the media inter-relate. Cadets will increase their ability to lead persuasively, articulate a well-reasoned message, and develop a consensus for their position. Culminating with the CAP Legislative Day, CLA cadets will meet with Congressional leaders to help them better understand CAP's worth to America.

During their week in Washington, CLA cadets visit the Capitol, Supreme Court, State Department, CIA, plus major national monuments and the Air & Space Museum.



## ACADEMIC CERTIFICATION

The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed the CAP Civic Leadership Academy on the NASSP National Advisory List of Contests and Activities for 2005-06.

★ Learn more on-line at [www.cap.gov/cadets](http://www.cap.gov/cadets). Click "NCSAs" and "CLA."



*In 2004, cadets met with Secretary of State Colin Powell.*

## APPLY NOW!

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Have earned the Mitchell Award by 1 Nov 2005.
2. Be at least 16 by 25 Feb 2006.
3. COS & IACE graduates are preferred.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

1. By **1 November**, submit a completed CAPF 31, endorsed by your unit and wing commanders to HQ CAP at the address below.
2. Include a 1-page resume outlining your cadet program, aerospace, & emergency services experiences.
3. Include a typed, 250 - 350 word essay on one of the following topics:
  - A. Identify two ways to participate in the political process, other than by voting. Describe why each of those activities is worthwhile.
  - B. Explain why trust and confidence in government have declined in recent decades. Describe what effect, if any, that decline has had on civic life in America.
4. Include a recent photo of yourself wearing the AF-style blue uniform.
5. Include a 1-page letter of recommendation from a teacher or senior member (other than a parent).

### SELECTION PROCESS

1. HQ CAP collects and screen all applications, then forwards them to region headquarters for final selection.
2. Each region selects 3 cadets to attend the academy.
3. HQ CAP will notify all primaries and alternates via email in early December.
4. A \$250 activity fee is due on 1 January for all cadets selected as primaries. This fee covers meals, lodging, and course activities. Arrangements may be made to pay the activity fee in installments.

### MAIL, FAX, OR EMAIL APPLICATIONS TO

Civil Air Patrol National Headquarters / LMPD  
Attn: Civic Leadership Academy  
105 S Hansell St  
Maxwell AFB AL 36112

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